



Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

To: Interested Parties

From: James D. Werner, Director, DOE Office of Long-Term Stewardship

I am writing to invite you to participate in a status update meeting for the *Draft Long-Term Stewardship Study*. The Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Environmental Management is preparing this *Study* to comply with the terms of the December 14, 1998 Settlement Agreement to end litigation regarding the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) [*Natural Resources Defense Council, et. al. v. Richardson, et. al., Civ. No 97-963 (SS)*].

The purpose of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for information exchange and constructive discussions between the DOE and interested parties on the *Draft Study*. The status update meeting will be held on:

Wednesday, August 9, 2000
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Adam's Mark Denver Hotel
1550 Court Place, Denver, Colorado
Telephone: 303-893-3333

This status update meeting is being held to coincide with the Annual Workshop on Long-Term Stewardship (August 7-10) so that individuals already traveling to Denver for the Workshop can easily attend the status update meeting. For information on the Workshop, go to the website at:

www.doegipo.com/programs/ltsm.

The *Draft Study* describes and analyzes several significant national or cross-cutting issues associated with long-term stewardship, which is defined in the Settlement Agreement as:

"the physical controls, institutions, information and other mechanisms needed to ensure protection of people and the environment at sites where DOE has completed or plans to complete 'cleanup' (e.g., landfill closures, remedial actions, removal actions, and facility stabilization). This concept of long-term stewardship includes, *inter alia*, land-use controls, monitoring, maintenance, and information management."

The Department identified these issues during a public scoping process, which provided input from a variety of sources. Because the *Draft Study* is not a decision document, it does not attempt to describe how the Department intends to address these issues except where decisions already have been made. Where possible, the *Draft Study* identifies options for addressing these issues to promote information exchange and to inform the decision-making processes at the national level and at individual sites.

This *Draft Long-Term Stewardship Study* will be released concurrently with a Notice of Availability in the Federal Register, which begins the public comment period pursuant to the terms of the PEIS Settlement Agreement. We intend to provide copies of the *Draft Study* to interested parties as soon as it is available. Copies of the *Draft Study*, or prior publication, a list of issues identified through the scoping process will be available through the Long-Term Stewardship web page www.em.doe.gov/lts, or by calling (202) 863-7025.

We welcome your participation, review and comments, whether or not you can attend the meeting. If you need further information, please contact me at (202) 586-9280 or Steve Livingstone at (202) 586-9874.